

It was in the province of Normandy, as comprised in its ancient extent, that the lace trade made the most rapid increase in the eighteenth century. From Arras to St. Malo more than thirty

Fig. 87.



Cauchoise. From an engraving of the eighteenth century.

centres of manufacture established themselves, imitating with success the laces of Mechlin; the guipures of Flanders; the "fond clair," or single ground, then called point de Bruxelles; point de Paris; black thread laces, and also those guipures, enriched with gold and silver, so much esteemed for church ornament. The